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Antilles. Circumstances being thus altered, the representatives of Spanish producers in the Cortes would hardly proceed against the annually recurring deficit in the Spanish treasury on Cuban account. In the face of such a demonstration we should have much less about Castilian dignity forbidding the alienation of national territory, and if a round price—say \$300,000,000—were then offered for Cuba and Porto Rico, it would in all likelihood be taken.

The Millennium.

The opinion was very generally expressed by the speakers at Brother MOORE'S late Conference of Christian Workers that the period of the millennium prophesied in the Book of Revelation is near at hand. The preparatory work seemed to them so far advanced that the beginning of the thousand years of CHRIST'S reign on earth might be looked for hopefully during the next century.

Gen. BOOTH, the commander of the Salvation Army, agrees with this view, saying truly that "many of the closest students of prophecy concur that we are upon the eve of the fulfillment of prophecy of a world filled with peace and plenty." He is thus confident because he looks forward to the "ultimate triumph of Salvation Army principles," and believes that it is not far off. Brother MOORE and his colleagues and supporters foresee the speedy coming of the glorious epoch as the result of their parallel efforts and methods; and other pious millionaires, including some theologians of prominence, find indications of its approach in the growth of Christian unity and brotherhood.

It is therefore pertinent to quote from the Revelation the prophecy whose early fulfillment is expected. The passage occurs at the beginning of the 20th chapter, and reads thus:

"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit, and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him in, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season."

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are they that partake in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

The prophecy goes on to forecast that after the thousand years SATAN will be let loose again for a short period, and will fight again, but will be destroyed.

There has been a difference of opinion among millionaires as to whether the second coming of Christ will precede or follow the coming of the millennium. The view of Brother MOORE'S Conference is that it will usher in the thousand years, and that seems to be the ground taken by Gen. BOOTH, who looks forward to a millennium of material prosperity and unalloyed happiness no less than of spiritual peace and elevation. The devil is to be overcome, and the wisdom of the world is to be brought to naught by the teachings of Christ. Sin and selfishness are to give place to virtue and altruism. Disease will be annihilated by moderation, frugality, and happiness. There will be no need of jails, for there will be no lawbreakers. Poverty will fly before the plenty which the angels of Industry and Economy will have introduced to every home.

That is the picture of the realistic picture of the millennium; and that such a time is coming cannot be doubtful. The world is going to learn true wisdom; but the day is not so near at hand as he and Brother MOORE imagine. It is a long way off—thousands of years hence. Yet the optimism which looks for it in our own time is more agreeable and commendable than the fashionable pessimism of this day, with its blindness to the steady growth and development of society.

The millennium will not come in the next century, but the world is getting nearer to the glorious period all the time. It is not rolling backward.

The Demand for Severe Statutes Against Strikers.

The public inconvenience caused by the recent strike on the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad has led to a demand for more stringent laws to punish railway servants who leave their employment in such a manner as to inconvenience the company in the transaction of its ordinary business. In 1887 the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration, in their report to the Legislature, declared that the agents of a railway corporation were quasi-public officers, and added: "No dispute between these quasi-public officers about the price of labor or any kindred thing should be permitted to jeopardize the lives or interrupt the transportation of the property of citizens to whom the use of the railroad daily has become a necessity." This proposition, so far as it relates to the lives of passengers, is not open to question. But there is already a law which seems to furnish an adequate safeguard on that subject. Section 473 of the Penal Code makes it a crime for a railroad life by refusal to labor. This is the language of the statute:

"A person who wilfully and maliciously, either alone or in communication with others, breaks a contract of service or hiring, knowing, or having reasonable cause to believe, that the probable consequences of his so doing will be to endanger human life or to cause grievous bodily injury to persons, or to interrupt the transportation of property, is guilty of a misdemeanor."

Indeed, this enactment is designed to protect property as well as life. But the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration, if the views of the members remain the same as they were in 1887, would evidently go further and make it a crime for railway servants to do anything whatsoever which interferes with the ordinary traffic of the line. And the same view as to what ought to be done in this respect is apparently entertained by some newspapers. The *Evening Post*, referring to the report mentioned, declares that the Legislature should have passed a law at once "punishing by their imprisonment any interruption of the traffic of a railway that has not been preceded by adequate notice to the public to enable them to prepare for it."

No doubt such a law would do as much as any statute can do to render strikes ineffectual; for, however meritorious might be the demands of the employees of a railroad, it would be very difficult to enforce those demands if railway servants were prohibited under pain of fine and imprisonment from quietly and peaceably leaving the employment of the railroad without notice, even though their leaving occasioned no danger to life and involved no destruction of property. Under the stringent laws which some of our contemporaries have enacted to restrict the recent strike began, it would be a penal offence for a lot of trainmen to leave the employment of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, if the consequence of their action is so doing

was merely to delay a few scores of passengers in their daily journey to and from Tarrytown or Yonkers. It must be remembered that under ordinary circumstances, where the act involves no danger to life or property, there is nothing criminal or immoral in leaving the employment of a railroad company for the purpose of enforcing a just demand. The proposal to declare such acts to be crimes simply because they occasion temporary discomfort and annoyance and delay to railway travellers is one that ought not, in our judgment, to receive the sanction of the Legislature. The remedy would be ineffectual more vicious than the offence. The statutory provision which we have quoted from the Penal Code seems to be entirely sufficient for the protection of the public against any real danger.

It is interesting to note, just at this time, that the State arbitrator, who have been regarded as distinctively the friends of the laboring man, are the most prominent advocates of increased stringency in the criminal law against strikers.

Will They Share in the Disgrace?

JOSEPH G. CANNON was renominated for Congress by the Republicans of the Fifteenth Illinois district on the day after he had disgraced himself, the House of Representatives, and the American people by his hideous vulgarity. He was renominated in full knowledge of his offence. The House of Representatives neglected to defend its reputation and show its sense of decency by expelling the creature, and sending him home in ignominy to the constituents whom he has dishonored. His Republican constituents have now approved and made their own his indecent and vulgar conduct. They have shown that they regard the fellow at whose words women ran in shame and disgust from the House galleries, as their worthy representative.

There must be thousands of clean-hearted and clean-mouthed gentlemen in the Fifteenth Illinois district, who are alive to the shame of having it represented by such a person as CANNON. Are the voters there willing to have the rest of the country believe that CANNON is a man after their own heart, and that they are made in his image? Will they adopt disgrace or shake it off?

If the women of CANNON'S district could vote, there could be no doubt of the result.

Portugal in Very Hot Water.

Newspapers just received in this country from Portuguese West Africa reveal a rather startling condition of affairs. Portugal, in fact, has serious internal troubles in Africa to deal with in addition to the loss of prestige and territory involved in her quarrel with England.

Soon after Major SILVA PORTO'S military expedition to Nyassaland aroused the British lion so thoroughly that Portugal was compelled to retreat, her Government very quietly tried to steal a march on England from the West Coast. An expedition left Benguela in Angola for the far interior. The purpose was to reach the valley of the upper Zambezi, plant the Portuguese flag there and forestall the British South Africa Company, which is after all the territory it can get. An unforeseen obstacle defeated this project of the Portuguese.

In order to reach the Zambezi basin it was necessary for their expedition to cross the Bihé plateau, one of the garden spots of Equatorial Africa. Here live the Bihé people, ruled by a King, great travellers and traders, one of the finest and strongest of the inland tribes. When the King and his people saw this expedition climbing the hills to the Bihé plateau they determined to prevent its advance. They thought they saw in it the first steps toward the complete conquest of their country, and decided to nip the project in the bud. They therefore seized the expedition's supplies, drove its officers back toward the coast, and turned the Portuguese representative in Bihé out of the country. The Angola newspapers seem to be entirely in the dark as to the fate of the defeated soldiers.

This repulse greatly astonished the Portuguese. The Bihéans have always welcomed white men, have been of great service to explorers, and have been ready to settle among them, and in their way of life, during the summer. They realize that they cannot be conspicuous in the large cities, but it is easy enough for them to make themselves noticeable in a population of a few hundreds or thousands. And usually they make a pretty able show. Their costumes are often the most expensive, their turnouts the most elaborate to be seen. Yet after all their fate is somewhat pathetic; for with all their planning and spurning, they remain nothing more than "Summer-Braves," the prey of hotel keepers and the sport of fashion.

The pugnaclous zeal of some members of the Bihé and the substitution of fate for CANNON, recall the slight once shown to an eminent parliamentarian at a caucus in Worcester. A member of the Common Council from the Sixth ward was to be nominated. Perhaps it was an Alderman from the Fourth ward, but never mind. The story is true and a little trite, but the details don't count. The favorite candidate was a gentleman of the name of McGUIRE, and his supporters were inclined to carry matters with a high hand. Finally one of his opponents protested that the proceedings were not according to custom. Whereupon the stalwart voice of one of the faithful of the "McGUIRE" party said: "We'll have it CANNON'S McGUIRE!" and the rest of the story.

There is no doubt that with equally efficient weapons the brave and sturdy Bihéans would smash the colonial army into smithereens, for the whole of the Portuguese force, except the officers, is composed of a black rabble that has been pressed into the service against its will. So the poor Bihéans will probably run away or be moved down as the Makololo were on the Shire River by SILVA PORTO'S terrible Gatling gun.

But this is only a small part of Portugal's troubles in West Africa. Several hundred miles east of Loanda is the large trade center, Malange, a flourishing town of over a thousand inhabitants. The Portuguese military chief at Malange has been murdered by the natives on account of his extortion and tyranny, and another Portuguese force with cannon is hurrying inland to Malange to avenge the insult. Some of Bishop TAYLOR'S missionaries are at Malange, and Mr. SANDERS and other missionaries of the American Board are at Bihé. The American flag floats over them, and they have to suffer from the unsettled condition of the country. The Angola newspapers put forward a ridiculous explanation of the present uprisings among the natives. They say the trouble is due to the machinations of FRED AMOT, the Scotch missionary, who is an "emissary of the British Government."

AMOT is a modest young fellow, incapable of underhand work of any sort, who made himself famous by the extent of his travels in Africa almost without funds.

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The Summer-Brave.

"Summer-Brave" is a word of this season's invention. For two or three years past a peculiar type of summer visitor has appeared at resorts by the sea and mountains, but more especially at the latter. During this season it has come to be regarded as a defined class to be expected annually in the future, and simultaneously with its recognition as an element of summer society the term Summer-Brave has appeared. It is impossible to determine the etymological genesis to whom the word is indebted for it. Like the word dude, it seems to have sprung up all over at the same time. It is remarkable to see how soon after the development of a new type of thing or person there arises an appropriate name for it. But it is to be hoped that Summer-Brave will not be in course of time as indiscriminately applied as dude is now. Dude was originally applied to the soberly clad aviator who, sitting in a chair, was gazed vacantly out upon the passers by, or drew meagre nutriment from their cane heads. Now it is used by the crowd to describe a man who is merely careful in his attire. It is quite impossible for a well-dressed man to walk through certain portions of this city without hearing the denizens shout "Dude!" at him.

The Summer-Brave, however, is never known in the cities. Before his arrival at a summer resort he is in the chrysalis state. The sea breezes and mountain air cause him to burst his shell and step forth in all his gay colors. No one would recognize in this gay butterfly of summer the sombre chrysalis of the darker seasons. For this reason he is called the Summer-Brave. He is essentially a summer swell. During the rest of the year no one hears of him. When visible he is resplendent in his evening costume. Usually he selects one of the most fashionable resorts for his Summer-Brave—Newport, Narragansett Pier, Southampton, or Lenox. He is conspicuous enough for people to make inquiry concerning his identity, and, if those instituting the inquiry happen to be people of established social position, the verdict is always: "Oh, he's only a Summer-Brave!"